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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER
OF DEFENSE GUTIERREZ MELLADO

REF: MADRID 06199

1. I HAVE TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT TO SEE FIRST VICE
PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE GUTIERREZ MELLADO ON
JUNE 8. MY PURPOSE IN ASKING FOR THIS APPOINTMENT WAS TO
GO OVER TWO SUBJECTS WITH HIM: (1) POLITICAL ATTITUDES
WITHIN THE MILITARY AS SPAIN PROCEEDS WITH DEMOCRATIZATION
AND WITH MILITARY RESTRUCTURING AND REFORM; AND (2) THE
UNITED STATES-SPANISH MILITARY RELATIONSHIP UNDER THE
TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

2. MY INTENTION IN THE LATTER REGARD IS TO ATTEMPT TO
REDRESS THE BALANCE, TO THE DEGREE I CAN AT THIS TIME,
BETWEEN THE NEGATIVE VIEWS HE HAS BEEN PRESENTING AND THE
POSITIVE ASPECTS OF OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP; TO OFFER
A MORE DETAILED BRIEFING BY OUR MILITARY PEOPLE HERE
BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES; AND TO
ENCOURAGE HIM IN THE VIEW THAT HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON
SHOULD BE A USEFUL ONE THAT CAN SERVE THE PURPOSE OF
BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND ALSO MORE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION.
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I WOULD WELCOME ANY GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION FROM WASHING-
TON ON THE ISSUES THAT HE HAS RAISED (MADRID 06199) AND
THAT ARE OUTSTANDING IN OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP BEFORE
THIS MEETING.

3. I CANNOT BE SURE IN ADVANCE HOW PRODUCTIVE THIS
CONVERSATION WILL ACTUALLY BE, AND THERE IS SOME

POSSIBILITY THAT IT MAY BE POSTPONED AT THE LAST MINUTE
BECAUSE OF A SCHEDULING CONFLICT. BUT IT COULD BE
USEFUL, AND SEEMS WORTH THE TRY. EATON

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